

Appl. No. 10/786,960  
Preliminary Amdt. Dated November 21, 2005

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**REMARKS**

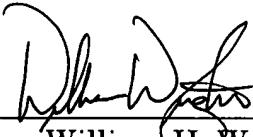
Pursuant to this amendment, claims 23-37 are pending. Claims 1-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Examination and early favorable consideration are requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,  
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